

I. AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) A method for disinfecting and/or sterilizing a floor, a table-top, a counter-top, hospital equipment, a wheel chair, or a medical device comprising applying a composition consisting essentially of chlorhexidine and a dye selected from the group consisting of gentian violet and brilliant green to the floor, table-top, counter-top, hospital equipment, wheel chair, or medical device, wherein the molar ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 1:1 to 25:1.

70-90. (Canceled)

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, further defined as a method for disinfecting and/or sterilizing a medical device comprised of a polymer.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 91, wherein the polymer is silicone, polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, polyethylene, silastic elastomers, polytetrafluoroethylene, dacron, collodion, carboethane or nylon.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein the medical device is comprised of silicone.

94. (Canceled)

95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the dye is gentian violet.

96. (Canceled)

97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the dye is brilliant green.

98-114. (Canceled)

115. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, further defined as a method for disinfecting and/or sterilizing a medical device selected from the group consisting of an endotracheal tube, a catheter, a nephrostomy tube, a biliary stent, an orthopedic device, a prosthetic valve, a medical implant, a blood exchanging device, a vascular access port, an extracorporeal circuit, a stent, an implantable prosthesis, a vascular graft, a pump, and a heart valve.

116. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 115, wherein the medical device is a catheter.

117. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 116, wherein the catheter is a cardiovascular catheter, a vascular catheter, a urinary catheter, a peritoneal catheter, an epidural catheter, a central nervous system catheter, a pulmonary artery catheter, a peripheral venous catheter, or an intraventricular shunt.

118. (Canceled)

119. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, wherein the dye is gentian violet.

120. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 117, wherein the dye is brilliant green.

121. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 115, wherein the medical device is an endotracheal tube.

122. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 121, wherein the dye is gentian violet.

123. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 122, wherein the dye is brilliant green.

124. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 5:1 to 20:1.

125. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 124, wherein the molar ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 7:1 to 15:1.

126. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 125, wherein the molar ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 8:1 to 10:1.

127- 134. (Canceled)

135-137. (Canceled)

138. (New) A method for disinfecting and/or sterilizing a floor, a table-top, a counter-top, hospital equipment, a wheel chair, or a medical device comprising applying a composition consisting essentially of:

a) chlorhexidine;

b) a dye that is gentian violet or brilliant green; and

c) one or more additional dyes selected from the group consisting of crystal violet, FD&C Yellow No. 5, FD&C Yellow No. 6, D&C Red NO. 17, FD&C Red No. 3, D&C Green No. 6, ethyl violet, FD&C Blue No. 2, D&C Yellow No.1, FD&C Blue No. 1, and FD&C Green No.3 to a floor, table-top, counter-top, hospital equipment, wheel chair, or medical device, wherein the molar ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 1:1 to 25:1.

139. (New) A method for disinfecting and/or sterilizing a floor, a table-top, a counter-top, hospital equipment, a wheel chair, or a medical device comprising applying a composition consisting essentially of:

a) a basic reagent that is chlorhexidine;

b) gentian violet or brilliant green; and

c) one or more additional basic reagents selected from the group consisting of a guanidium, a biguanide, a bipyridine, a phenoxide antiseptic, an alkyl oxide, a thiol, a halide, an aliphatic amino, and an aromatic amine

to a floor, table-top, counter-top, hospital equipment, wheel chair, or medical device, wherein the molar ratio of chlorhexidine:dye in the composition is 1:1 to 25:1.

140. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to a floor.

141. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to a table-top.

142. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to a counter-top.

143. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to hospital equipment.

144. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to a wheel chair.

145. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition is applied to a medical device.

146. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a catheter.

147. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is an endotracheal tube.

148. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a medical implant.

149. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a nephrostomy tube.

150. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a biliary stent.

151. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is an orthopedic device.

153. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a prosthetic valve.
154. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a blood exchanging device.
155. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a vascular access port.
156. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is an extracorporeal circuit.
157. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a stent.
158. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is an implantable prosthesis.
159. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a vascular graft.
160. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a pump.
161. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the medical device is a heart valve.
162. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a cardiovascular catheter.
163. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a urinary catheter.
164. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a peritoneal catheter.
165. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a an epidural catheter.
166. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a central nervous system catheter.

167. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a pulmonary artery catheter.
168. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is a peripheral venous catheter.
169. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the catheter is an intraventricular shunt.